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1. "INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE FOR SOLIDARITY
WITH WORKERS AND PEOPLE OF KOREA AND THE INDEPENDENT
AND PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY" WAS HELD IN
SOFIA DECEMBER 8-10 "AT INITIATIVE OF WORLD FEDERATION
OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU)," ACCORDING TO BULGARIAN PRESS.
IN ATTENDANCE WERE DELEGATIONS FROM 48 COUNTRIES AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME 12 INTERNATIONAL LABOR
ORGANIZATIONS. NO US DELEGATION WAS LISTED.

2. A "KOREAN" DELEGATION WAS LISTED AS ATTENDING. KIM KOOK
HOON (PHON.), PHOTO POUCHED TO FORBES, EA/K, SPOKE
AS LEADER OF DPRK DELEGATION. HIS TITLE WAS GIVEN AS
CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF UNITED KOREAN TRADE
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UNIONS. A CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE UNIONS AND WORKERS OF
SOUTH KOREA WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SPOKEN. HIS NAME WAS
NOT GIVEN.

3. OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED WFTU CHAIRMAN ENRIQUE PASTORINO
AND SECRETARY MEHANDRA SEN. IN PRE-CONFERENCE INTERVIEW,
PASTORINO SAID CONFERENCE WAS "AN EXPRESSION OF OUR

UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE." CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS, PRESENTED BY SEN, WERE PUNGENT EXPRESSION OF NORTH KOREAN POSITION, REplete WITH REFERENCES TO PAK "PUPPET CLIQUE," "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM," ETC. CONFERENCE SENT LETTER TO UNSYG WALDHEIM CRITICIZING NON-FULFILLMENT OF RESOLUTION 3390 (XXX) OF NOVEMBER 1975.

4. PRINCIPAL BULGARIAN PARTICIPANT WAS MISHO MISHEV, CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL COUNCIL OF BULGARIAN TRADE UNIONS WHO IS ALSO MEMBER OF SECRETARIAT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. TODOR ZHIVKOV, AS CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF STATE, SENT GREETINGS TO THE CONFERENCE. (ONLY MENTION OF US IN ZHIVKOV MESSAGE WAS CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS FROM KOREA.)

5. RAPPORTAGE ON CONFERENCE AND INTERVIEWS WITH PASTORINO AND SEN INDICATED THAT CONFERENCE HAD BEEN PRECEDED BY MEETING OF ASIAN MEMBERS OF WFTU AND SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF BUREAU OF WFTU IN NEW DELHI DECEMBER 1-2. SEN CALLED KOREA "HOTTEST SPOT OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM ON ASIAN CONTINENT" AND INDICATED CONTINUING WFTU FOCUS ON ISSUE. IN MEANTIME, NEXT IMMEDIATE EVENT FOR WFTU WOULD BE "WEEK OF SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE AND WORKERS OF SOUTH AFRICA," SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 18-23.

6. LIST OF COUNTRIES REPORTED AS SENDING DELEGATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS: USSR, GDR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, CUBA, POLAND, ROMANIA, MONGOLIA, YUGOSLAVIA, AUSTRIA, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BRAZIL, CYPRUS, VENEZUELA, LAOS, INDONESIA, SRI LANKA, PANAMA, ECUADOR, MADAGASCAR, ARGENTINA, IRAQ, LEBANON, IRAN, COLOMBIA, SPAIN, ALGERIA, SUDAN, UPPER VOLTA, SOMALIA, TANZANIA, CONGO, FRANCE, PAKISTAN, LIBYA, BENIN, "ADEN," MOZAMBIQUE, CHILE, "ZIMBABWE," "KOREA," VIETNAM, "PALESTINE," SYRIA, URUGUAY, PORTUGAL, EGYPT, AND ANGOLA.

7. LABOR ORGANIZATIONS LISTED AS PARTICIPATING INCLUDED INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' UNION, WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH, ORGANIZATION FOR AFRICAN TRADE UNION SOLIDARITY, PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR TRADE UNION UNITY OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF LATIN AMERICA, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF JOURANLISTS, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRATIC JURISTS, AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ARAB UNIONS.

8. COMMUNIQUE IS AVAILABLE IN BULGARIAN IF DEPARTMENT CANNOT OBTAIN IT ELSEWHERE IN MORE READILY READABLE

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